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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Virginia Yorks and Staymans made lower prices at the Liverpool auction Wednesday, November 4, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Virginia Ben Davis and Winesaps sold at about the same prices as last week. Barreled apple supplies were liberal. Of the 73,000 barrels on the market 26,000 were offered at the auction. Supplies afloat are moderate. The bulk of the offerings consisted of Nova Scotian apples, arrivals of which have been heavy all season but are now reported as having passed the half-way mark. The general condition of the barrels was good. Inquiry for barrels was moderate. Boxed apple supplies were light. Out of 16,000 boxes on the market 4,400 were offered at the auction. The condition of the boxed offerings was good. Supplies afloat are light. Inquiry was moderate, prices ruling somewhat lower than last week. Prices in dollars were lower for both boxes and barrels than at this time last year. Sterling prices for barrels were also below those of last year but boxes made somewhat higher sterling prices than at this time last year.

At London barreled and boxed prices were little changed from last week. Barreled apple prices were generally somewhat higher than Liverpool, whereas the opposite was true of boxes. Most of the moderate barreled supplies were Nova Scotian apples. The general condition of the barrels was good. Inquiry was strong for barrels. Boxed Washington Jonathans were in light supply but supplies of California Newtowns were liberal. Russian apples sold at \$1.50 to \$2.06 per box, according to variety and grade. Swiss apples made \$1.87 to \$2.25 per 30 kilograms (66 pounds). It is reported that about 60,000 boxes of Russian apples have been contracted for by distributors in Sweden on a 5 kronen (about \$1.11) advance per box. The definite selling price is to be fixed later, depending upon ruling prices at Hamburg and London.

The London pear prices were lower than last week. Supplies were light and condition generally good. Most of the fruit was from California. The demand was good. Inquiry was slow for the light supplies of Italian prunes at both Liverpool and London. The condition of the fruit was fair. Since the Spanish Almeria grape crop is about cleaned up, with recent arrivals landing in bad condition, handlers of Emperor grapes from California are holding them in anticipation of a better market when the Almerias are out of the way.

Arrivals of fruit in the United Kingdom this week ended Tuesday: Apples, 181,700 barrels, 99,000 boxes and 1,600 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 23,000 boxes and plums, 4,000 crates from the United States; grapes, 770 packages from California and 85,000 barrels from Spain. Expected during the next seven days: Apples, 128,700 barrels, 161,300 boxes and 2,000 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 31,000 boxes from the United States and 1,000 packages of grapes from California. The following prices were converted from sterling to dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange as reported by the Federal Reserve Board. Par of exchange was used for the quotations of November 5, 1930, \$3.90 for October 28, 1931 and \$3.75 on November 4, 1931.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	BARRELS:	Liverpool		London	
		1930	1931	November 5	October 28
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
APPLES					
York Imperials, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	4.87-5.96		4.29		3.56
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	5.60-6.08		4.10-4.48		3.84-4.22
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	5.60-6.08		4.48-4.88		3.94-4.03
U.S. No. 1, 3 inch.....	-		-		3.28
Staymans, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-		-		4.50-4.97
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	5.11-5.60		4.68-4.78		4.59-4.87
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	5.35-5.84		4.39		3.84-4.22
Winesaps, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	5.60-5.84		4.88-5.26		4.40-4.68
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		5.17		4.68-5.25
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-		-		4.68-4.87
Ben Davis, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	4.87-5.35	a/	3.70-3.75		3.65-3.94
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-		4.00		3.33
York Imperials, W. Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		-		4.03
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-		-		4.03-4.12
Ben Davis, W. Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-		-		3.65
Staymans, Pa.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		-		4.40-4.50
Ben Davis, Pa.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		-		3.75-3.94
York Imperials, Pa.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		-		4.40-4.78
Black Twigs, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-		-		4.50
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-		-		4.31-4.68
	<u>BOXES:</u>				
Jonathans, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.25		2.44-2.49		2.20-2.34
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.19-2.25		2.44-2.49		2.16-2.34
Fancy 150/175.....	2.01		2.29-2.34		2.16-2.20
Fancy 188/smaller.....	1.95		2.15-2.34		2.16
Newtowns, Oregon					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	3.16-3.28		2.73-2.88		2.67-2.81
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.80-2.98		2.68-2.73		2.25-2.44
Fancy 150/175.....	2.92-3.04		2.73-2.78		2.48-2.72
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.55-2.68		2.34-2.63		2.16-2.34
Newtowns, Calif.					
Fancy 138/larger.....	-		-		2.01
Fancy 138/163.....	-		-		2.16
Fancy 150/175.....	2.07		2.05		2.35-2.30
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.01		2.10-2.24	b/	2.16
PLUMS	<u>BOXES:</u>				
Hardy, Calif.					
Fancy, all counts.....	-		3.12-3.41	b/	-
Winter Nelis, Calif.					
Fancy, all counts.....	-		3.02-3.32	b/	-
Comice, Calif.					
Fancy, all counts.....	-		3.51-3.90	b/	-
Fancy, half box.....	-		2.34-2.54	b/	-
Anjous, Calif.					
Fancy, all counts.....	3.28-3.41		3.12-3.51	b/	-
Winter Nelis, Wash.					
Extra Fancy, all counts.....	2.80-3.04		-	-	2.44-2.81
JUNES	<u>CRATES</u>				
Italian, Idaho					
U.S. No. 1, 5 x 6.....	1.46-1.58		1.37-1.41		1.31
U.S. No. 1, 6 x 6.....	1.46-1.58		-		1.31
					c/

note: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ 2 inch. b/ London. c/ Some poor condition, prunes \$0.75 to \$1.12.